

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1994 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: Fire activity was minimal on most of the large fires in the Northern Rockies due to favorable weather conditions; however, fires in the Great Basin continued to burn actively. Initial attack activity continued to be moderate.

The 6th Army has been tasked to provide helicopter support to the Kootenai NF Area Command.

Fire suppression training continues for the 1st Engineer Battalion at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Deployment to the Idaho City Complex, Boise NF is scheduled for 8/25.

Colonel Anthony Palermo USMC, is the Task Force Commander of one Marine Battalion assigned to the Tyee fire. Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander of two Battalions and one Aviation Company assigned to the Corral Creek fire and the Idaho City Complex. Colonel Joseph Leigh, USA, is the Task Force Commander of 3 Battalions assigned to the 17 Mile fire, Little Wolf fire and the Kooconusa Complex.

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

Kootenai Area Command in Libby, MT has three CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158th Aviation Unit assigned to provide helicopter support to fires on the Kootenai NF.

LIBBY COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is committed. This complex will include fires burning around Libby, MT. Fires include the SCENERY from the Wilderness Complex and QUARTZ and RAMSEY from the Kooconusa Complex.

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is committed. The 3-11th Field Artillery Battalion, I Corps, USA, (Lt. Col. Dan Patterson) is assigned. Star Meadows residential area is still threatened with an evacuation alert in effect. Cooler weather and higher humidities aided suppression efforts.

YAAK-RED DRAGON COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Meuchel) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Dubois) are committed. The 3-82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Lt. Col. Marcus Dudley) is assigned. The complex now has 23 active fires including the 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, PULPIT, STUDEBAKER, FISH FRY, FOWLER, DOOLEY, GUNSIGHT, BURNT SHEEP, PINK MTN. and 13 smaller fires. Favorable weather allowed aggressive action on staffed fires. A structural protection group has been established to prepare a structural protection plan and to be in position for initial attack and patrol along the Yaak Highway and South Fork Yaak River.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Groshong) is committed. The complex consists of 15 fires; 4 are controlled and 1 is contained.

KOOCANUSA COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lee) is committed. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, (Lt. Col. Dave Bonwit, Commander) is assigned. The complex now has 13 fires; CRIPPLE HORSE, MAXINE, 336 FIRE, FOWLER, N.FORK BIG CREEK, BANFIELD and 7 smaller fires.

TROUT CREEK COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suenram) is committed. Modification of fuels around structures adjacent to the Pillick fire was completed. Higher humidities restricted the rate of spread.

ANN, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is committed. The east flank of the fire remains active. Crews made good progress on line construction yesterday.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. The complex consists of the GOAT ROCKS, LEIGH and MCKAY fires.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is committed. All line construction has been completed. The west and north lines are holding with good progress on mop-up. A burnout was planned for last night by British Columbia Forestry. Structure protection is in place for a NPS cabin on Kintla Lake.

BITTER-NEZ, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bullis) is committed. The complex is comprised of the MAGRUDER, NICK, SAWTOOTH and WOOD HUMP fires. All fires were relatively quiet yesterday. The increase in acreage was due to better mapping.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is committed. Cooler temperatures continued to limit fire spread.

POWELL COMPLEX, Clearwater NF. The complex is comprised of the FREEZEOUT, FERN CREEK, SPONGE, BIG SAND LAKE/HIDDEN CREEK and GOLD MEADOWS. The fires were very active within the confinement perimeters with spotting up to 1/2 mile. Crews constructed line along the south perimeter of the Sponge fire.

BARNABY MOUNTAIN, Kootenai NF. This fire was previously reported as the HIGH ONE fire. Dozer line construction has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
LIBBY COMPLEX	KNF	MT	10,265	10	UNK	206	7	20	0	0	9.5M	90K
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	14,500	50	UNK	1,770	55	48	4	0	10.3M	3.2M
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	13,150	4	UNK	1,520	46	46	5	0	8M	2.5M
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	3,000	1	UNK	443	13	11	3	0	UNK	696K
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	9,578	12	UNK	945	26	22	2	0	7.8M	1.1M
TROUT CREEK C	KNF	MT	540	0	UNK	177	4	15	1	0	UNK	133K
ANN	BRF	MT	935	30	UNK	550	19	16	3	0	UNK	809K
WILDERNESS C	KNF	MT	1,300	10	9/10	62	2	3	0	0	UNK	165K
STARVATION	GNP	MT	2,000	20	UNK	217	8	4	2	0	UNK	505K
BITTER-NEZ	BRF	MT	3,000	80	8/26	138	4	3	2	0	UNK	1.1M
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	862	35	9/5	469	16	0	3	0	UNK	1.6M
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	356	78	UNK	192	5	3	2	0	300K	362K
POWELL CMPLX	CWF	ID	10,449	1	UNK	77	2	0	4	0	UNK	466K
ST JOE CMPLX	IPF	ID	850	100		208	4	16	1	0	UNK	4.7M
BARNABY MTN.	KNF	MT	525	0	9/5	7	0	0	0	0	UNK	4K
NORTHWEST PK	IPF	ID	100	50	8/26	15	1	0	1	0	UNK	34K
SCOTCHMAN PK	IPF	ID	275	100		44	2	0	0	0	UNK	80K

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

STAR GULCH, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is committed. An inversion limited air operations until about 1600 yesterday. The fire was very active near Cottonwood Guard Station and Easter Creek. Aggressive use of dozers and airtankers kept the fire from crossing Easter Creek.

CORRAL CREEK, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Johnson) is committed. The 14th Engineer Battalion, (Lt. Col. Perrenot, Commander) is committed. The line is holding on the south and west sides. Some resources will be reassigned to the Chicken Complex.

CHICKEN COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (O'Bannon) is committed. The fire continued to spread to the southwest and also made a run to the northeast in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Structure protection for numerous ranches on the South Fork Salmon River from Mackay Bar to the South Fork Guard Station is being provided.

BLACKWELL COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Harbour) is committed with a State representative (Williams) under unified command. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). Lower temperatures and higher humidities moderated fire behavior.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Eddy) is committed. The 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Bruce Porter, Commander) is committed. The complex consists of the BANNOCK, BEAR RIVER, RABBIT CREEK and NORTH FORK fires. The Star Gulch fire is now approximately 1 mile south of this complex. The Rabbit fire continues to burn actively along the eastern and northern flanks.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Denton) is committed. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). Higher temperatures, lower humidities and winds increased fire activity. The fire made a major run out of Goat Creek.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is committed. The fire made two runs with spotting up to 1/2 mile.

TIN CUP COMPLEX, Caribou NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is committed. Good progress on containing the north, west and northeastern flanks of the fire. Work is now concentrated on the south and southeastern portions.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
STAR GULCH	BOF	ID	27,000	60	9/3	857	29	35	7	2	UNK	1.9M
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	56,500	30	UNK	1,198	37	31	8	0	UNK	7.9M
CHICKEN CMLPX	PAF	ID	24,150	0	UNK	225	7	14	1	0	UNK	UNK
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	42,300	50	UNK	767	16	30	5	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	54,700	45	9/7	1,135	31	22	7	0	71.8M	24M
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	8,868	23	UNK	473	12	7	5	0	UNK	6.3M
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	7,437	20	UNK	177	4	3	2	0	UNK	680K
TIN CUP	CAF	ID	986	75	8/24	181	5	2	2	0	UNK	600K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

DESERT 3, Elko District, BLM. Strong, erratic winds caused this fire to spread rapidly in flashy, fine fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
DESERT 3	EKD	NV	3,500	30	8/24	27	0	6	1	0	UNK	UNK

Outlook: The high pressure over the four corners is moving into the Rocky Mountain states. A weak upper level trough will drop into the Pacific Northwest. The remainder of the West will be under the influence of dry, stable, high pressure. The Great Basin, California and the desert Southwest will be sunny and warm with scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Afternoon fire behavior in the Great Basin is expected to increase with warm and dry weather and as inversions lift. Light to moderate fire activity is expected on the fires in the Northern Rockies as cooler temperatures and higher humidities prevail.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					1		1
NORTHWEST		1			3	3	7
CA-NORTHERN						1	1
CA-SOUTHERN					22	1	23
NORTHERN	8	3			6	16	33
GB-EASTERN		2			5	2	9
GB-WESTERN		5			1	1	7
SOUTHWEST	0			2	1	1	4
ROCKY MTN		3		0	1	5	9
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN			1		3		4
USA	8	14	1	2	43	30	98

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					25		25
NORTHWEST		1			1	3	5
CA-NORTHERN						200	200
CA-SOUTHERN					227	0	227
NORTHERN	206	155			16	1,377	1,754
GB-EASTERN		1			16	0	17
GB-WESTERN		3,500			0	0	3,500
SOUTHWEST	10			0	5	0	15
ROCKY MTN		2,005		1	12	54	2,072
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN			1,005		1,675		2,680
USA	216	5,662	1,005	1	1,977	1,634	10,495

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	#66	13	23	9	#30	2	4		#344	38
CA-NORTHERN	75	13	74	51	6	5	9		335	268
CA-SOUTHERN	2	16	8	11	1	2	2	1	3	48
NORTHERN	#198	28	131	55	#66	3			#1,705	156
GB-EASTERN	#130	12	#93	49	#26	14			#1,075	182
GB-WESTERN			6		1		2		3	
SOUTHWEST	3		10		2					
ROCKY MTN	5		34	1	5		2			
EASTERN*										
SOUTHERN	1	2	9			4			42	10
USA	480	84	388	176	137	30	19	1	3,507	702

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

* No reports received.

#Includes military

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	62	76	47	15	353	7	560
NORTHWEST	383	344	11	128	1,726	1,656	4,248
CA-NORTHERN	94	40	3	57		762	956
CA-SOUTHERN		100		24	2,665	593	3,382
NORTHERN	330	44		57	1,394	2,274	4,099
GB-EASTERN	85	683		36	377	1,139	2,320
GB-WESTERN		476			83	165	724
SOUTHWEST	1,436	379	17	209	1,604	2,494	6,139
ROCKY MTN	640	679		78	555	639	2,591
EASTERN	324			53	9,635	498	10,510
SOUTHERN	2		34	81	20,365	661	21,143
USA	3,356	2,821	112	738	38,757	10,888	56,672
5 YEAR AVERAGE							52,161

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,419	48,324	78,683	12,830	42,294	2	228,552
NORTHWEST	65,411	83,724	7,918	4,219	22,671	231,513	415,456
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,745	8,042	4,465		86,864	102,252
CA-SOUTHERN		26,057		15	44,384	57,317	127,773
NORTHERN	5,850	3,711		5,701	28,600	43,604	87,466
GB-EASTERN	1,346	217,043		46	74,773	285,571	578,779
GB-WESTERN		189,184			4,416	13,886	207,486
SOUTHWEST	31,564	119,722	7,683	24,029	210,867	150,874	544,739
ROCKY MTN	20,666	35,820		157	10,616	10,396	77,655
EASTERN	16,399			940	87,345	6,371	111,055

SOUTHERN		12		15,799		3,763		396,591		37,416		453,581	
USA		187,803		726,330		118,125		56,165		922,557		923,814	
5 YEAR AVERAGE												2,014,482	

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES		YESTERDAY			YEAR TO DATE				
BRITISH COLUMBIA		25		1,293		3,555		25,295	
YUKON TERRITORY		2		2		246		149,866	
ALBERTA		5		0		701		28,224	
NORTHWEST TERRITORY		0		37,390		595		2,367,771	
SASKATCHEWAN		11		8		506		527,633	
MANITOBA		5		1,015		463		446,725	
ONTARIO		2		0		962		79,250	
QUEBEC		0		0		423		115,893	
NEWFOUNDLAND		1		0		123		110,552	
NEW BRUNSWICK		3		1		274		143	
NOVA SCOTIA		0		0		190		122	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		0		0		18		14	
NATIONAL PARKS		1		0		144		57,193	
TOTALS		54		39,709		8,200		3,908,681	

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